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Examiner: M. Rashidian

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2008, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to claims directed to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-12, 21, 23, and 25, drawn to a method of forming a compressed transcoded digital signal, classified in class 382, subclass 235; and

Group II: Claims 13-20, 22, 24, and 26, drawn to a method of processing compressed original digital images, classified in class 382, subclass 248.

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Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with Group I, Claims 1-12, 21, 23, and 25.

An early and favorable examination of the elected claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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